

Kennedy and Perrin to tour with Middlesex Wanderers

WYCOMBE Wanderers' exciting young forward Steve Perrin and explosive mid-field player Howard Kennedy have been selected to tour Malaysia with the Middlesex Wanderers. One of the most famous touring sides in the world, the Wanderers break new ground with this tour which involves seven matches.

With their Lamb mascot, the tourists fly out from London on May 24 and return on June 16. The latest trip is their 82nd tour and brings the total of countries visited to 38. Sir Stanley Rous, the former FIFA president who is an honorary life member of the Wanderers, will be making his first tour with them.

As usual they have selected a well balanced party of 17 which includes seven new Wanderers, among them Whitley Bay's John

Waterson, who is rated the best player in the North East.

The squad, which will be managed by Dagenham's Laurie Wilkinson, is: Tery Moore (Bishop's Stortford), Dave Collyer (Woking), John Rees (Metropolitan Police), Willie Currie (Queens Park), Bob Hames (Leytonstone), Mickey Preston (Sutton Utd), Tony Jennings (Enfield), John Waterson (Whitley Bay), John Borland (Dagenham), Howard Kennedy (Wycombe Wanderers), Dave Lawrence (Bishop's Stortford), Mike Dagless (Blyth Spartans), Steve Perrin (Wycombe Wanderers), Neville Fox (Dagenham), John Butterfield (Ilford), John Doyle (Leatherhead) and Paul Giggie (Hitchin).

Eddie Franklin (Enfield) will be physiotherapist to the party. Middlesex Wanderers also play the Royal Netherlands FA

National XI in the Lo Brunt Memorial Trophy in Utrecht on May 13.

The amalgamation of the Metropolitan London and Spartan League went through as expected recently and the new competition is to be called the London Spartan League. Metropolitan London League side Canvey Island have opted out and applied to join the Essex Senior League but new applicants are Whyteleafe and Virginia Water from the Surrey Senior.

Defender Bob Macrae plays his last game for Oxford City in their home Rothmans Isthmian League match against leaders Enfield on Friday, before emigrating to Canada.

Oxford's long serving player John Woodley played in yet another position on Saturday. He took over in goal when John West was injured at Ilford. Ox-

ford lost 1-0 to end a post war record run of 12 league games without defeat.

The Rothmans Isthmian League's decision to go open received a further boost from the clubs at its recent meeting and it now looks as if Bromley and Corinthian Casuals will be the only clubs having non-contracted players next season.

Harlow have appointed Len Gamblin as manager and Charlton full back Harry Cripps as coach. Both were at Leytonstone where Gamblin was assistant manager to Dave Andrews. Mickey Darling, Harlow's caretaker manager is expected to link up again with Gordon Sedgely at Walthamstow Avenue.

Harlow plan to use contracted players next season but this raises a financial problem. As professionals their ground rent is likely to treble to £3,000.